

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Waiver of)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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Maple School District)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Maple District, BEN 133431))	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017
RE: FCC Form 471's # 171049098, #171049088, #171049080,
#171049078, and #171049030.

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Maple School District ("Maple District") serves low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 children spanning two northern, rural Wisconsin counties that border Lake Superior. Since 1998, Maple District has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Maple District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471's #171049098, #171049088, #171049080, #171049078, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on May 24, 2017, 13 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11, 2017. Funding year 2017 FCC Form 471 #171049030 for Category Two Services was filed on May 19, 2017, eight days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11, 2017.

The staff member of the rural Maple District works E-Rate into his already extensive work schedule as the district business manager, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. In the last two years this Maple E-Rate staff member has had to take several medical leave of absence. Making the situation more difficult has been the downsizing of staffing due to declining enrollments causing the dissolution of director level positions which had to be absorbed by the business manager position. One of these was the IT Director position. The District will be looking at the possibility of contracting out E-rate filing duties in the future to provide relief to this position and more importantly to avoid Out Of Window filing situations.

II. REQUEST

The Maple District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Maple District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471's #171049098, #171049088, #171049080, #171049078 and E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 #171049030 due to the circumstances identified.

Respectfully submitted,



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